

Managing through Social Media Networks

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Icebreaker

► Common Abbreviations Game

411

511

ttyl

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brb

wb

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nsfw

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fb

ttn

weg

<http://www.netlingo.com/dictionary/all.php>

Agenda

- ▶ Social Media – What it can do for you
- ▶ Tools – Tips for using Social Media technology
- ▶ Overview of Social Media Sites
- ▶ Agency example – Glacier National Park
- ▶ Secret Source for all things social media!

Social Media

► What is it?

- On-line technologies that allow 2-way communication between users – everyone can create web content
- The internet has transformed from a place to house brochures to a place to house conversations
 - Early web provided an online platform to display information
 - Search engine revolution allowed users to interact with web
 - Social media revolution allows users to create content (Web 2.0)

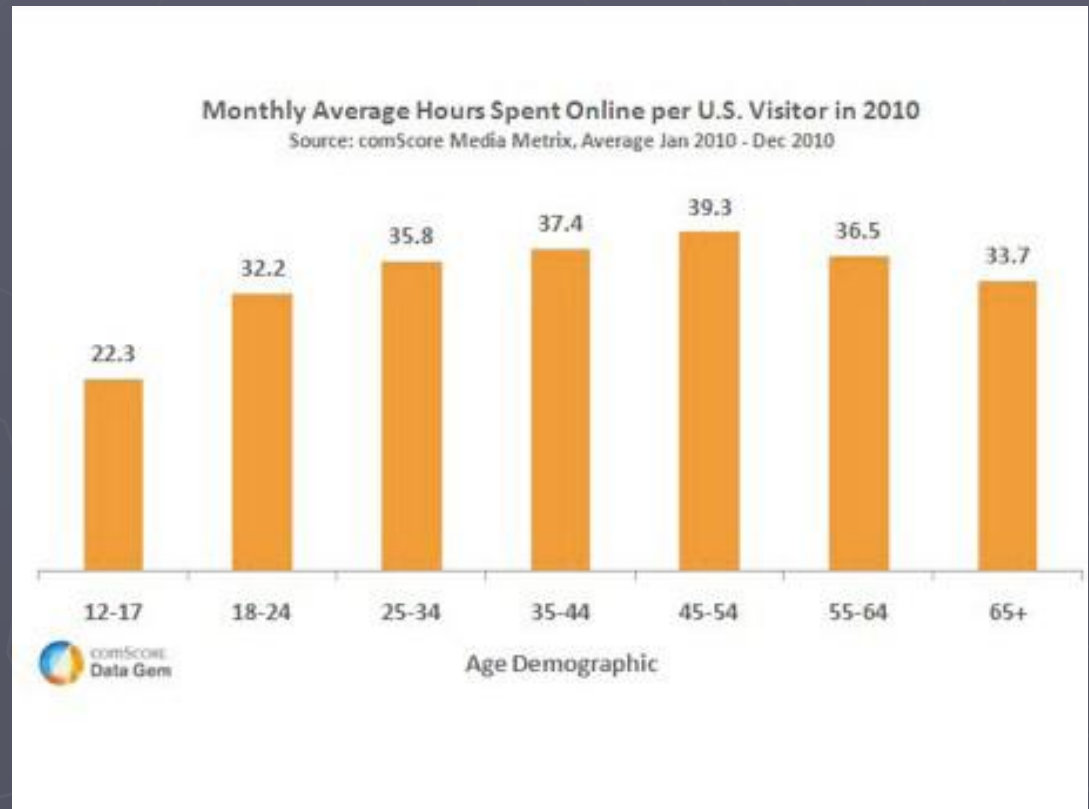
Social Media

► Why is it so popular?

- Social media tools give people a voice
- Provides an unprecedented opportunity to voice knowledge, experience, and opinions
- Offers a platform for sharing content (photos, video, documents)
- Narcissism??? Everyone wants to be “liked”

Social Media Myths

- ▶ Aren't people who use social media less likely to be outside visiting our sites?
 - NO! It's becoming as common as e-mail or cell phones
- ▶ Doesn't this only reach the younger crowd?
 - No! Stats show that every age group is using social media



Social Media

- What can it do for managers?
 - Collaborate across institutional boundaries
 - Connect with the public in real time

Online wildlife conference

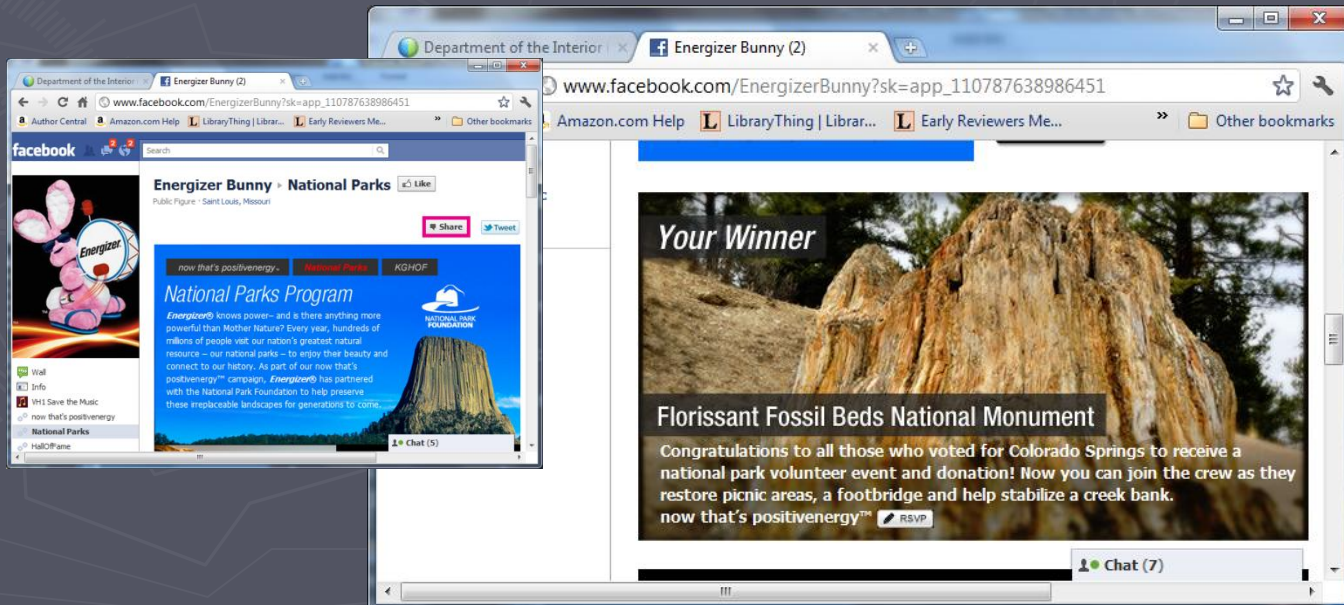
<http://americaswildlife.org/conference/>



Social Media

- ▶ What can it do for managers?
 - Draw on the power “of the people”

Example: Fundraising (Using Facebook, the public voted on who would win a \$5000 grant from Energizer)



Connecting with Your Audience

It's not about you – it's all about “them”

Your audience must feel that they:

- ▶ Have something to gain when they see your agency online or in their news feed
- ▶ Are being asked to share their experiences
- ▶ Know you have their interests in mind
- ▶ Are engaging with a human presence, not an impersonal agency

Where do I start?

- ▶ Best for Community Engagement
 - ▶ Facebook (social networking)
 - ▶ YouTube (video sharing)
 - ▶ Twitter (similar to texting on cell phone)
 - ▶ Blogging (web logs / discussion forum)

Facebook Fun

- ▶ Facebook is not another place to build a webpage or make public announcements
- ▶ Facebook is a place for one-to-one interaction
- ▶ Create an online persona – animal, mascot, character, ranger (ex. Penelope Seal is the spokes-seal for TOPP (Tagging of Pacific Predators). Read an article about her: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=101413638>
- ▶ Most agencies use Facebook poorly – they fail to make fun and frequent (daily!) posts

Facebook Fun

- Ask seasonals, interns, or students to develop a list of 365 fun “posts” about your site
- For events, create a list of ‘leading-up-to’ posts when you develop flyers and press releases
- Use a site like Hoot Suite to control the timing of updates and posts
- Link to other social media sites like Twitter

You & YouTube

- ▶ YouTube is NOT a new place to show educational videos
 - Find a high school or college film-making class and ask them to make fun 30-second videos
 - Read Film Making Books:
Making it Big in Shorts: The Ultimate Filmmaker's Guide to Short Films, 2nd ed. by Kim Adelman

You & YouTube

- ▶ YouTube encourages “viral” marketing – other people spread a message for you
- ▶ For a video to “go viral,” it must be so irresistible that people have to share it
- ▶ Ideally, videos should be super-short (30-45 seconds) and a lot of fun
- ▶ Most agencies use YouTube poorly – they post long and dull “educational” videos

YouTube Examples

- ▶ The 30-Second Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZP1rYjoBgI>

This silly video has been viewed more than 1,800,000 times

- ▶ Compare to:

http://www.youtube.com/user/NationalParkService#p/u/7/4j2_E35UdTU

This is 2 min, 43 sec. The video was posted a year earlier, but has been viewed only 800 times

Twitter Tips

- ▶ Send out fun facts of 140 characters or less
- ▶ Use tweets to communicate safety & security info
- ▶ Users can “re-tweet” to their followers
- ▶ Link shortening, twitpic, twitvid, twitdoc allows you to share links, photos, videos, & press releases

<http://technmarketing.com/web/ten-things-you-must-know-before-using-twitter/>

Twitter Tips

- ▶ Travelers use Twitter to reach out and ask for advice on places to visit and things to do
- ▶ Twitter is perfect for promoting events in real-time
- ▶ Send out periodic updates leading up to an event
- ▶ Websites (Hoot Suite & Tweet Deck) are available that allow Twitter updates to be pre-scheduled

Tweets from Joshua Tree NP

- ▶ Ever seen two tortoises fight? [video link]
- ▶ Thinking of camping in Joshua Tree NP? Consider reserving a campsite - go to [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)
- ▶ How's the weather & air quality at Joshua Tree? [webcam link]
- ▶ Evening Program Saturday night @ Black Rock Campground – All are invited to attend, not just campers
- ▶ What is the difference between a nat'l park, nat'l monument, or the over 15 other NPS site designations? [link]

Better Blogging

- ▶ Write short observations that induce thought
- ▶ Invite discussion by asking open-ended questions
- ▶ Less is more: over 400 words is an article, not a blog post!
- ▶ Break up larger topics into smaller pieces that are easier to digest
- ▶ Add “tags” to identify what your post is about (Travel)

Better Blogging

- ▶ Add a photo to increase chances of being “front paged”
- ▶ Write a snappy title, keeping in mind that blogs are searchable and should state topic clearly
- ▶ Delay revealing the ‘punch-line’ – users must click the post to obtain the information promised by the title
- ▶ Provide information (how-to lists, etc) that people want
- ▶ Break text into easy-to-skim paragraphs & bullets

www.wordpress.com

Challenges to Using Social Media

- ▶ Cost – Great news: social media is free! Hiring a social media specialist is NOT free. Agencies must realize social media is an essential component of communication.
- ▶ Control – You can't control the response to your agency (open to criticism & complaint) Can you handle it?
- ▶ Time – Using social media effectively is time consuming! (Solutions? Develop web updates in advance; pre-schedule posts; ask for help)

Save Time: Integrate

- ▶ Automatic sharing – a new blog post shows up on Facebook, Twitter, etc
- ▶ Social Media dashboard (ex. Hoot Suite) – manage multiple tools in one place
- ▶ Add Facebook social plugins to your web page
 - Read more on how to do this:
<http://developers.facebook.com/docs/guides/web/>

Save Time: Ask for Help

Research & Share (R&S) Team

- ▶ Recruit staff members, volunteers, friends-groups, and students to research “share-worthy” items
- ▶ Collect a database of posts, tweets, pics, videos, etc. to be posted on agency social networking sites

Save Time: Ask for Help

Ambassador Program

Increase your reach by recruiting volunteers to share on their *personal* social networking sites:

Live Well Colorado Ambassador Program

www.livewellcolorado.org

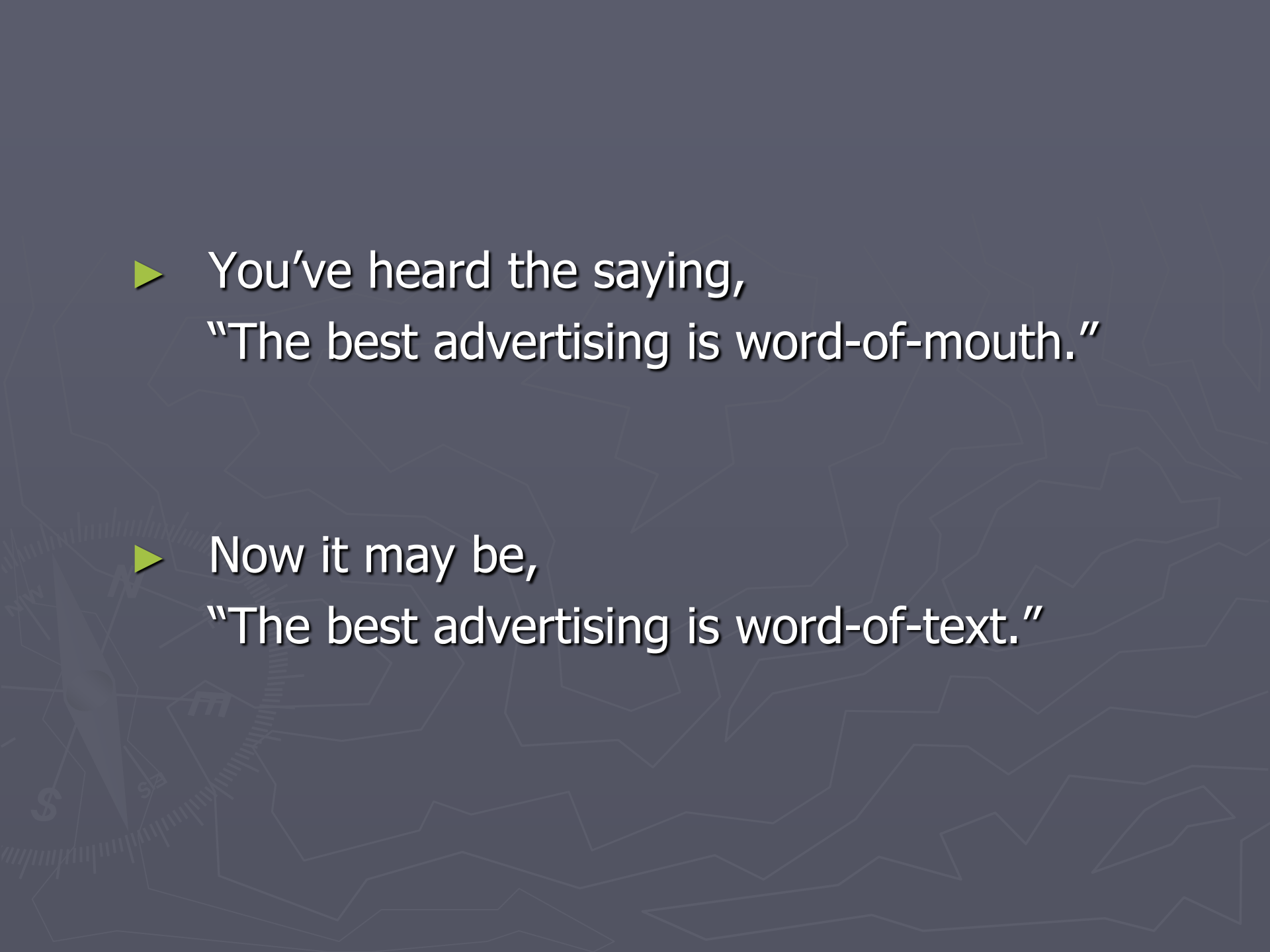
Volunteers receive a timeline of suggested posts & links to share with their personal friends – significant increase in web “hits”

Top 5 Mistakes - How to Avoid

- ▶ Be a good listener – don't just talk! Learn from others
- ▶ Be concise – blogs < 400 words
video < 90 seconds (30 sec. is better)
- ▶ Be frequent – post & tweet daily if possible
- ▶ Be genuine – don't "sell" or "announce"
- ▶ Be fun – don't be a bore!

Remember

- ▶ Social media is NOT about advertising, selling, marketing, or making public service announcements
- ▶ Social media is about sharing, dialogue, conversation, friendship, and FUN
- ▶ Social media builds relationships – you must give a little of yourself to meet the needs of others

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- ▶ You've heard the saying,
"The best advertising is word-of-mouth."
 - ▶ Now it may be,
"The best advertising is word-of-text."


Social Media Sites

An Overview



Facebook

facebook Home Profile Friends **Inbox 1** Heidi Bailey Settings Logout



Penelope Seal is just keep swimming, just keep swimming! 6 hours ago

Wall Info **Photos** Boxes

Basic Information

Sex: Female
Birthday: January 1
Relationship Status: It's Complicated
Interested In: Men
Looking For: Whatever I can get
Political Views: Other

Personal Information

Activities: Being the coolest animal on TOPP.org, which is leading to seal stardom....and of course TRAVEL. I love exploring the hundreds of kilometers of north pacific in search of fish, squid, fish and some more squid. Lately I've molted my old fur, and I grew a new really nice coat that I showed off for awhile at Año Nuevo State Reserve in California. Then I got hungry so lately I've busy building up my blubber layer for the next fast by eating, a lot.

Interests: Calamari, finding amazing oceanographic features like eddies and seamounts, meeting new seals back at Año Nuevo, beach going, sun bathing, sleeping, sand throwing, and diving deep in the ocean.

Favorite Movies: TOPP on YouTube, Documentaries on Elephant Seals, Blue Planet, Deep Blue, and Finding Nemo.

About Me: Penelope here. Tagged in June, I spent the last few months finding "hot spots" filled with squid and other delectables in the wide blue Pacific Ocean. I've travel thousands of miles, and now I'm heading back to my personal beach -- Año Nuevo State Reserve in Northern California.

I'm all seal, no elephant whatsoever. In Greek mythology, Penelope stayed home while her hubby, Odysseus, traveled for several years. Other guys tried to marry her, but she remained loyal to him. Even though I travel as much as any male elephant seal, I'm true-blue to my beach. That's where I molt, mate and give birth, one pup at a time.

View Photos of Penelope (47)
Send Penelope a Message
Poke Penelope


Information

Relationship Status:
It's Complicated


Birthday:
January 1

Friends


3,358 friends See All




Kim Garcia Salazar




Alex Benson




Danielle Brigida



Laurie Hansley



Steve Kieselstein



Amanda Michniewicz

Twitter

FlorissantFossilBeds (FlorissantNPS) on Twitter - Windows Internet Explorer

http://twitter.com/florissantnps

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FlorissantFossilBeds (FlorissantNPS) on Twitter

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twitter

FlorissantNPS

Name FlorissantFossilBeds
Location Florissant, Colorado
Web <http://www.nps.gov>
Bio Official site for Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

96 following 350 followers 104 listed

Tweets 222

Favorites

Following

RSS feed of FlorissantNPS on Twitter

That's you! Lists

Noise, computers, phones, etc. or gentle breezes, pine aromas, warm sun, etc.? RT @ChildrenNature: Today is National Eat Outdoors Day!
about 2 hours ago via HootSuite

We know fall is coming. How? Not the leaves *just* starting to turn, not the short spell of cool weather, not... <http://fb.me/DI7I17zw>
about 3 hours ago via Facebook

Saw a coyote ~100 yards from visitor center this morning. What's the coolest thing you've seen on your visit to Florissant Fossil Beds?
10:33 AM Aug 30th via Facebook

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument Colorado

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Twitter via Hootsuite

HootSuite - Windows Internet Explorer

http://hootsuite.com/dashboard#

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HootSuite

Compose message... Send Now Search Twitter...

DMs **Tweets** **Home Feed**

Direct Message (Inbox)

DenaliNPS
Aug 22, 3:07pm
I was just out at the East Fork, first frost and wolverine tracks! Where is summer?

YellowstoneNPS
Aug 17, 5:31pm
Curious y u cant see it. Have Windows Media Player? Open it, then File > Open URL > rtp://npslive.wm.fplive.net/npslive-live/Yellowstone

DenaliNPS
Aug 16, 6:16pm
IN- Ingrid Nixon (Chief of Interp, TR- Tim Rains (Media Specialist), SW- Susan Wright (Intepreter). There are more we work as a team!

DenaliNPS
Aug 15, 1:46pm
There are several of us -- all park staff -- prowling w/ cameras in hand. Initials usually reveal the taker. Glad you're enjoying! :) --IN

stateoftheparks
Jul 23, 9:59pm
Just got your direct message. Did ask Ranger Will who tweeted & he let me know you were out. Couldn't stay long but enjoyed homestead & hike

stateoftheparks
Jul 22, 3:56pm
Hopefully at the monument tomorrow.

DenaliNPS
Jul 14, 9:19am
If it was the photo of squirrel tail grass, guilty. Sorry about that. Did re-post this a.m. -- IN

DenaliNPS
Jul 1, 12:56pm
Pardon our inside joke. Richard Fruth, recent artist-in-residence, has "performance art" campaign that uses Fruth rather than truth. --IN

NatParkService
Jun 28, 3:16pm
oops - 1st msge didnt post - owly puts our page in a frame, a old bad internet practice that should have died yrs ago

NatParkService

Mentions

twisst37
Aug 30, 3:04pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS A very bright ISS will cross your sky tonight. It comes up in West-NW at 8:08 pm. Details: <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst5
Aug 29, 5:19pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS A very bright ISS will cross your sky tonight. It comes up in North-NW at 9:18 pm. Details: <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst38
Aug 29, 3:12pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS A very bright ISS will cross your sky tonight. It comes up in North-NW at 9:18 pm. Details: <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst7
Aug 28, 3:30pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS A very bright ISS will cross your sky tonight. It comes up in West-NW at 8:49 pm. Details: <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst33
Aug 27, 4:44pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS ISS will cross your sky twice tonight! One is extremely bright: 8:21 pm in West-SW. <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst34
Aug 27, 3:10pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS ISS will cross your sky twice tonight! One is extremely bright: 8:21 pm in West-SW. <http://twisst.nl/19660>

twisst7
Aug 26, 5:52pm via Twisst.nl
@FlorissantNPS A very bright ISS will cross your sky tonight. It comes up in the West at 9:29 pm. Details: <http://twisst.nl/19660>

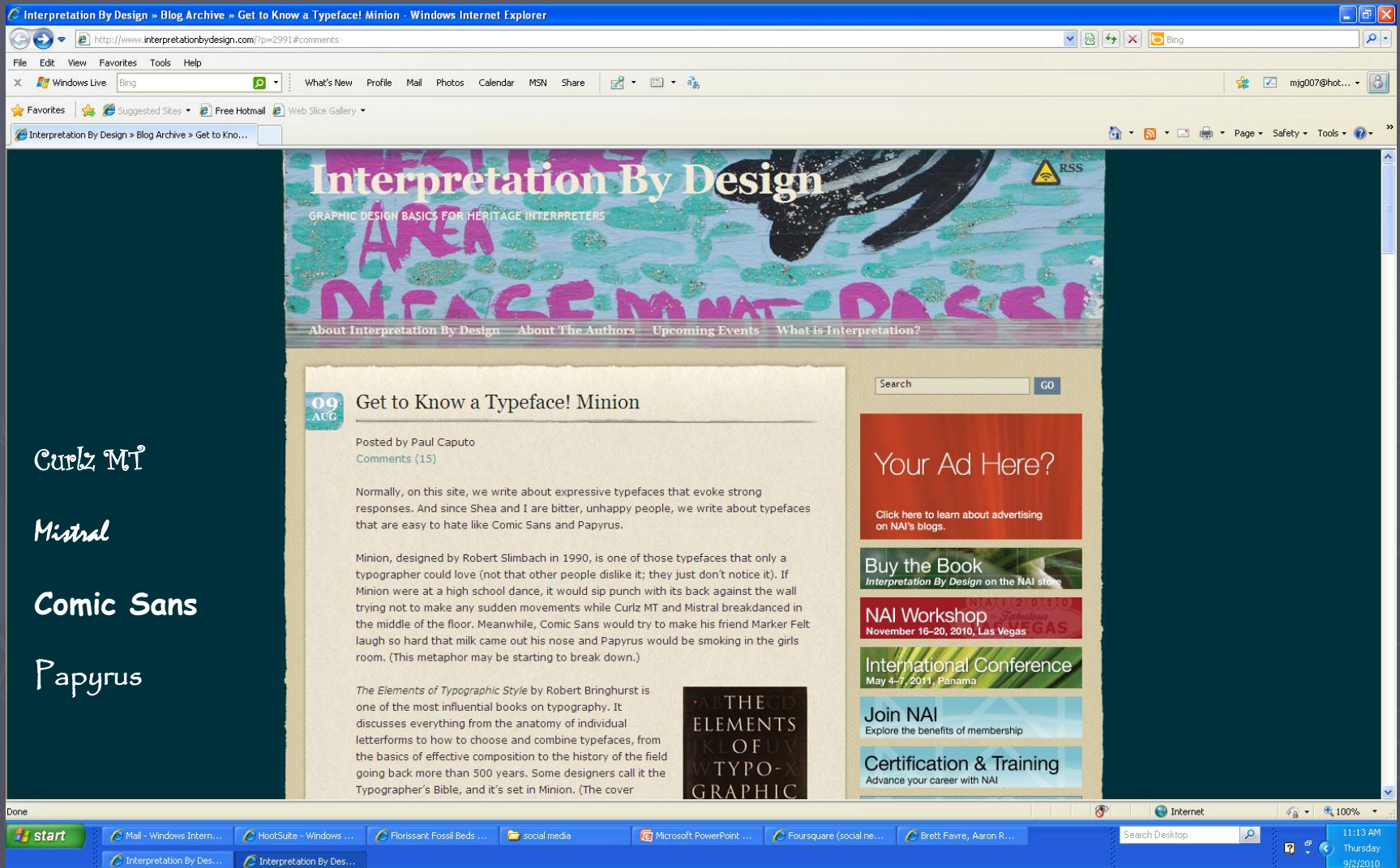
stateoftheparks
Aug 26, 11:54am via Web
Excellent idea! I'll take my lunch outside, thank you very much. RT @FlorissantNPS This Tuesday is Nat! Eat Outside Day!

Ranger Log Out

Done

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Blogs – Web Logs



Flickr – Yahoo's photo sharing site

Terrestrial snail, Eocene (~35 MYA) Florissant Formation | Flickr - Photo Sharing! - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.flickr.com/photos/tehsma/4688685312/

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Actions Share this

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By tehsma
No real name given

This photo was taken on June 10, 2010.

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This photo also appears in

Fossils (Eocene) Florissant... (set)

Tags

Eocene • Florissant • fossils

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Terrestrial snail, Eocene (~35 MYA) Florissant Formation

From the Eocene volcanic ash of the Florissant Formation, Florissant, Colorado

Scale in Millimeters.

Comments and faves

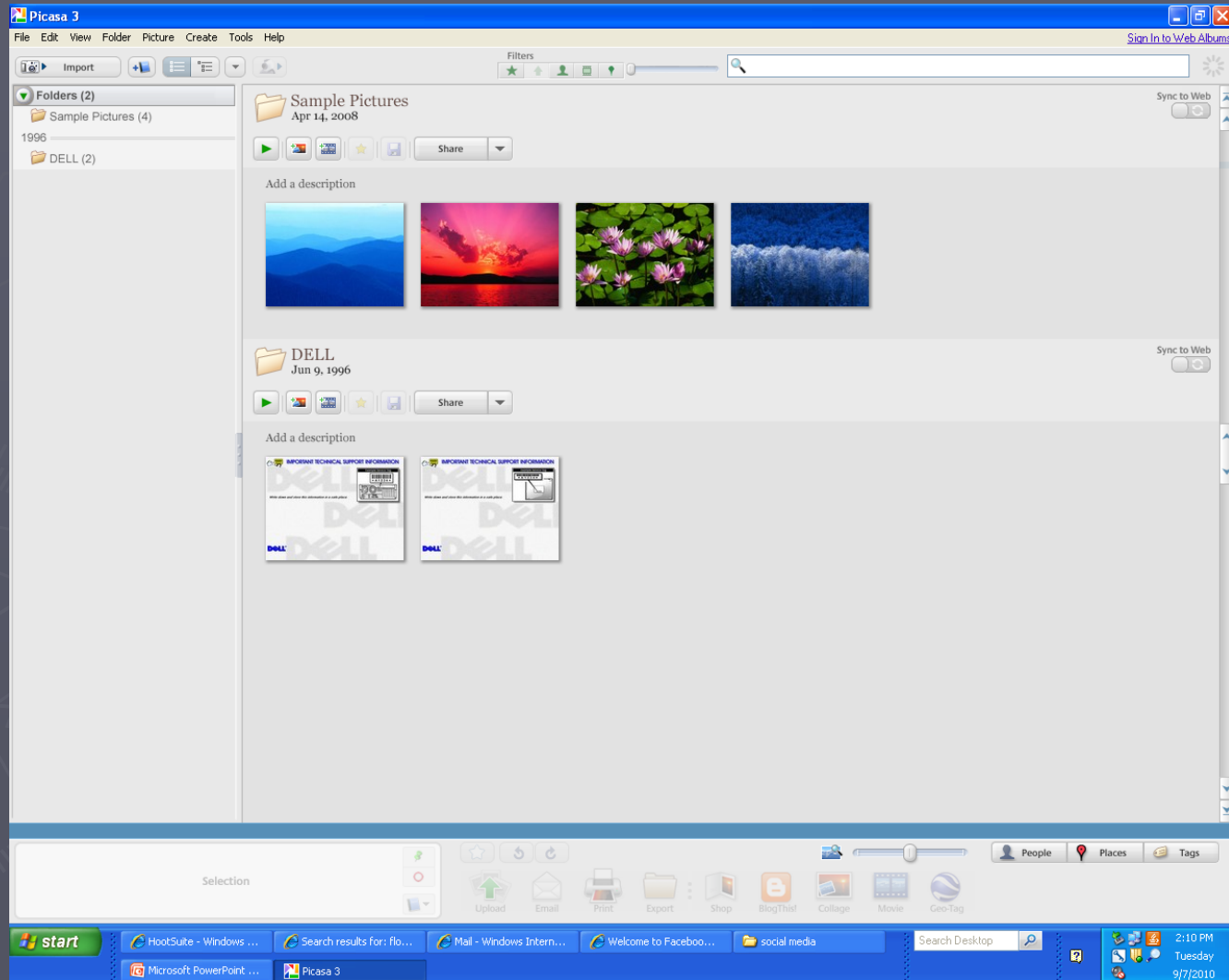
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Search Desktop

9:27 AM Monday 9/8/2010

Picasa – Google's photo sharing site



LinkedIn – “Facebook for Professionals”

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying a LinkedIn profile for Matthew Greuel. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.linkedin.com/profile?viewProfile=&key=84366295&locale=en_US&trk=tab_pro. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The toolbar shows various icons for navigation and search. The LinkedIn page header includes the LinkedIn logo, navigation links (Home, Profile, Contacts, Groups, Jobs, Inbox (1), More...), and a search bar. The profile section for Matthew Greuel includes a profile picture, name, and current position: Park Ranger at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colorado Springs, Colorado Area | Government Administration. A recent post by Matthew Greuel is visible, mentioning a fossil find in the lab. The right sidebar features recommendations for Good Point Recycling and GoalView Advisors. The bottom of the page shows the Windows taskbar with various open applications and the system clock indicating 10:49 AM on Thursday, 9/2/2010.

Matthew Greuel | LinkedIn - Windows Internet Explorer

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Matthew Greuel | LinkedIn

Basic Account: Upgrade

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People People

Advanced

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Matthew Greuel ^{you}

Park Ranger at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Colorado Springs, Colorado Area | Government Administration

Matthew Greuel A recent fossil find in the lab, which will also be open this weekend. What do "you" think it is? <http://ow.ly/2ywOS> via Twitter

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument's Photos - Fossils Under... m.facebook.com

Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.

2 hours ago · Like · Comment · Share · See all activity

Current

- Park Ranger at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
- Park Ranger at National Park Service

Past

- Interpretive Intern at Arches National Park

Education

- San Francisco State University

Connections

1 connection

Twitter

- FlorissantNPS

Public Profile

<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/matthew-greuel/24/307/107>

Experience

Park Ranger

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Government Agency; Government Administration industry

May 2010 – Present (5 months)

Park Ranger

National Park Service

Government Agency; Government Administration industry

Add Matthew to your network

Forward this profile to a connection

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Ethical "e-waste" recycling, affordable and fair trade compliant

www.retroworks.net

From: Robin Ingenthron

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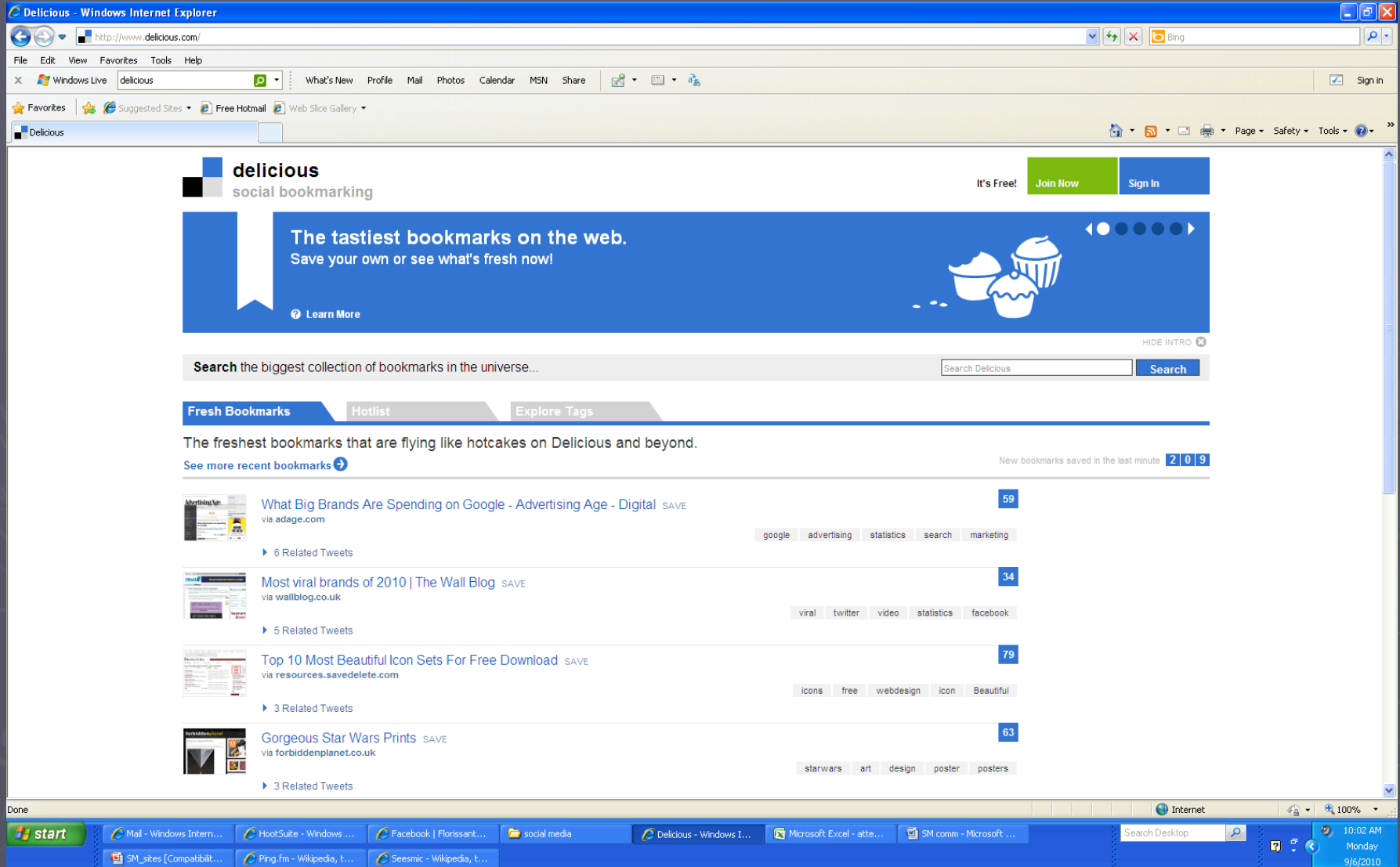
Matthew Greuel Are you interested in the fall foliage colors? You can use our webcams to get an idea what the aspens look like! <http://fb.me/F0TKSMJZ> via Twitter

20 hours ago · Like · Comment

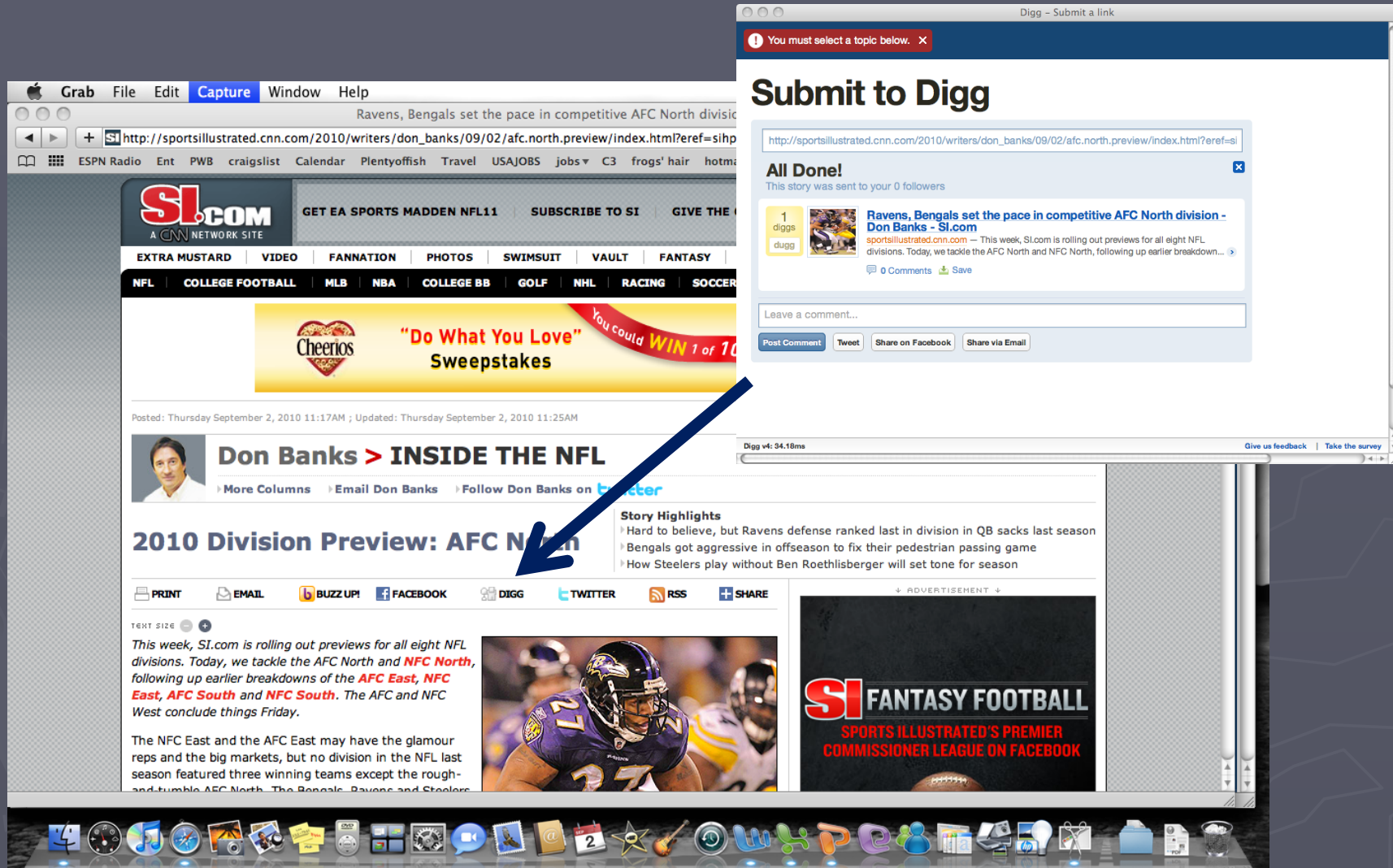
Matthew Greuel Got a question of a museum? <http://www.sebacurster.com/> - we're kinda partial to this group

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Delicious – Social bookmarking site for sharing webpage “favorites”



Digg – News aggregation site



Google Alerts

(latest search results based on search term)

Google Alert - florissant fossil beds

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[Hornbeck Wildlife Loop Trail - Florissant Fossil Beds National ...](#)
Away.com provides expert reviews and visitor information on Hornbeck Wildlife Loop Trail in Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.
[away.com/.../travel-ad-cid8991-florissant-fossil-beds-national-...](#)

[Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument « Sanborn Western Camps Blog](#)
On September 25, we will join with the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument to celebrate "Leave No Child Inside Day" by hosting a family fun day and ...
[blog.sanbornwesterncamps.com/?tag=florissant-fossil-beds...](#)

[Browse | Parks Geology](#)
... Devon and Somerset, Great Britain. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colorado, USA
... Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming, USA ...
[parksgeology.com/browse_body.htm](#)

[Things to Do in Colorado Springs, CO - Sightseeing & Attractions ...](#)
Florissant Fossil Beds. 15807 County Road 1, Florissant, CO 80816. Neighborhood: Outside the City. Type: Sports and the Outdoors. Be the first to rate. ...
[travel.aol.com/travel-guide/.../colorado-springs-things-to-do/](#)

[Domnina \(Mammalia, Soricomorpha\) from the latest Eocene ...](#)
Florissant Formation, Florissant Fossil Beds. National Monument, Colorado. Journal of. Vertebrate Paleontology 26:685-696.
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RSS: Really Simple Syndication

http://www.nps.gov/feeds/rss-help.htm

What Is RSS?

RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. It's an easy way for you to keep up with news and information that's important to you, and helps you avoid the conventional methods of browsing or searching for information on websites. Now the content you want can be delivered directly to you without cluttering your inbox with e-mail messages. This content is called a "feed."

RSS is written in the Internet coding language known as XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

What Is an RSS Reader?

An RSS reader is a small software program that collects and displays RSS feeds. It allows you to scan headlines from a number of news sources in a central location.

Where Can I Get an RSS Reader?

Some browsers, such as the current versions of Firefox and Safari have built in RSS readers. If you're using a browser that doesn't currently support RSS, there are a variety of RSS readers available on the web; some are free to download and others are available for purchase.

How Do I Use RSS Feeds?

The first step is to choose an RSS reader. Each reader has a slightly different way of adding a new feed, also called a "channel." Follow the directions for your reader but, in most cases, here's how it works:

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument - News Releases (U.S. National Park Service)

http://www.nps.gov/flfo/parknews/newsreleases.htm

ESPN Radio Ent PWB craigslist Calendar Plentyoffish Travel USAJOBS jobs C3 frogs' hair hotmail yahoo

nps.gov
(home)

search
☒ Search this park
☐ Search nps.gov

Florissant Fossil Beds

National Monument

text size:

News Releases

September 01, 2010
Florissant Fossil Beds to Change Hours Fall 2010
On Tuesday, September 7th, 2010, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument will shift from its summer hours of operation to its winter hours which will be 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. These hours of operation will be in effect throughout the fall and winter months.

May 26, 2010
GPS-GIS Basics 2010
Summary: Learn about GIS and GPS with Nancy Schock, Jeff Pinkard, and Dave Hammond. Fee is \$50. Teacher credit available. Registration required. Call 719-748-3253.

May 26, 2010
Plant Geography of Florissant Fossil Beds 2010
Summary: Examine some of the common plants of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and the ways in which these plants fit into the surrounding environment. Fee is \$50. Teacher credit available. Registration required. Call 719-748-3253.

May 26, 2010
Archaeology Seminar 2010
Summary: Join Dr. Michael Nowak in this course to learn about the history and evolution of

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Wikis – collaborative website

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia - Windows Internet Explorer

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florissant_Fossil_Beds_National_Monument

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Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 38°55′5″N 105°16′3″W

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is a national monument noted for its fossils in Teller County, Colorado, United States. It is located in a mountain valley just west of **Pikes Peak** and holds spectacular remnants of prehistoric life.

The fossils are contained in the **Florissant Formation** of Eocene age. Huge petrified redwoods and very detailed fossils of ancient insects and plants reveal a very different landscape in **Paleogene Colorado**. Almost 35 million years ago, enormous volcanic eruptions— now designated the **Thirtynine Mile volcanic area**— buried the then-lush valley and petrified the redwood trees that grew there. A lake formed in the valley, and the fine-grained sediments at its bottom became the final resting-place for thousands of insects and plants. These **anoxic** sediments compacted into layers of **shale** and preserved the delicate details of these organisms as fossils. Many of the Florissant Formation insect species were described by the **entomologist** **Theodore Cockerell**. The Florissant Fossil Beds were set aside as a part of the National Park System in 1969.

"When the mountains are overthrown and the seas uplifted, the universe at Florissant flings itself against a gnat and preserves it."

—Dr. Arthur C. Peale, Hayden Expedition geologist, 1873.

The fossil beds take their name from the nearby town of **Florissant, Colorado**. Florissant means "flowering" in French. The visitor center features exhibits about the park's geology and fossils, as well as a video about the site.

See also

- List of fossil sites *(with link directory)*
- Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
- John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
- Raphidia funerata*

External links and references

- This article incorporates public domain material from the National Park Service document "Florissant Fossil Beds".*
- [1] - Official Park Website
- More Park Service information on Florissant Fossil Beds
- Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, Inc. - nonprofit Friends of the Park group
- Information on park sites and trails

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

IUCN Category III (Natural Monument)

Location Teller County, Colorado, USA

Nearest city Florissant, CO

Coordinates 38°55′5″N 105°16′3″W

Area 5,998 acres (24.27 km²)

Established August 20, 1969

Visitors 62,417 (in 2004)

Governing body National Park Service

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Here's an example from the National Park Service:

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QR (Quick Response) codes:



<http://www.socialmediaexaminer.com/how-qr-codes-can-grow-your-business/>

Agency Example – Glacier NP

This agency offers several social media outlets:

- YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/glaciernps> , people view everything from park safety films, video of recent park activities, and historic films.
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/GlacierNationalPark> where fans can share their Glacier experiences and weigh in on topics impacting the park.
- Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/photos/glaciernps> , digital images from the park are available.

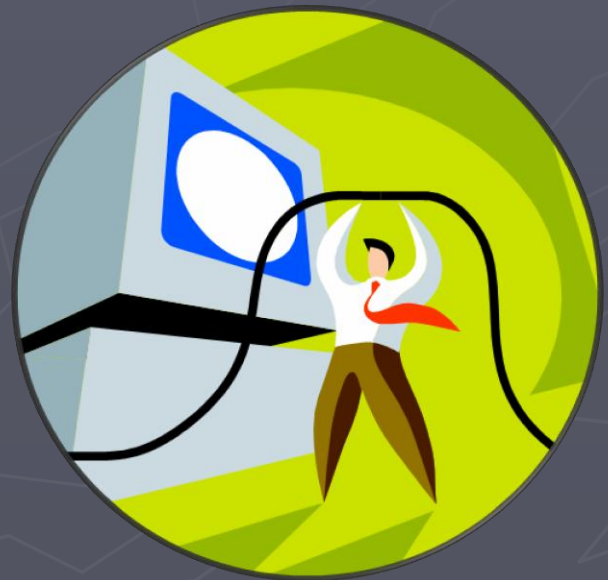
Agency Example – Glacier NP

- Twitter: Park news, road updates, and weather conditions <http://www.twitter.com/glaciernps>
- Blogs: Park employees share their perspectives and experiences
<http://www.nps.gov/glac/parknews/blogs.htm>
- RSS News Feed: provides park news releases and other updates
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